

In the matter of the petition for rule making RM-10781 we offer the following comments as licensed Amateur Radio Operators (AROs), Life Members of the American Radio Relay League (ARRL), coordinators for Dayton SKYWARN (www.dayton-skywarn.org) and participants in the Adopt-A-Ham program operated in our local area (see Feb 1996 QST and ARRL publication - Ham Radio...Planning for the Future 2000, pages 46 & 48).

The crux of this petition is to allow current Technician class AROs expanded HF privileges as an incentive to upgrading their licenses. We do not support expanding the current HF privileges afforded the Technician Plus license (or in combination with the Technician class). Providing additional HF Phone privileges would dilute incentives to upgrade to a higher-class license and the privileges provided by those classes. In addition this proposal does not address elimination of Element 1 (CW) in any Amateur Radio Licensee qualifications. For the combination of both reasons we are not in favor of these changes as proposed.

Respectfully Submitted

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